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In re Patent Application of :

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Filed: November 30, 2001

For: IMPROVED CONVECTION OF
ABSORBENT CORES PROVIDING
ENHANCED THERMAL TRANSMITTANCE

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Applicants submit herewith substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84.

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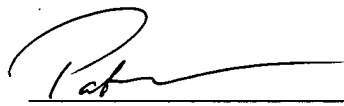
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